

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1113 - SB 1107

March 17, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), or an officer, agent, or duly authorized employee of the agency, acting under state authority or under a commission from a federal agency, from entering onto private property without a valid search warrant, unless such entry is based on a recognized exception to the warrant requirement. Authorizes the property owner to require the presence of a law enforcement officer employed by the municipality or county where the private property is located to serve as witness, and to accompany, photograph, and make video and audio recordings of any state or federal law enforcement officer, agent, or duly authorized employee while such officer, agent, or employee is present on the owner's private property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the TWRA, this legislation will alter the operations of the Agency, but will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Agency.
- Prohibiting TWRA officers from entering private property for the purpose of engaging in surveillance without a search warrant signed by a judge authorizing such use, a judicially recognized warrant exception, or permission from the landowner or lessee will not significantly impact arrest figures.
- The proposed legislation will increase the number of requests for law enforcement officer to serve as witnesses, but it is assumed that the impact to local law enforcement agencies can be handled within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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